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Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.; Saturday, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 2½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank, if marked *On Hongkong Savings' Bank*, is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 7, 1885.

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THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

REGISTERED OFFICE,

40, THEADNEELLE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:

In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank receives Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

APPROVED CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED ON ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS, &c.

75 per Cent. or 1st Dividend equal to 87½ per Cent. for whole claim.

H. A. HERBERT,

Manager,

Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, July 4, 1885.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000

RESERVE FUND, \$4,500,000

RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION, \$500,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS, \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman: Hon. F. D. SASSON.

Deputy Chairman: A. MOLIER, Esq.

O. D. BOTTONLEY, M. GROTH, Esq.

H. L. DALTRY, H. HORTON, Esq.

H. W. FORBES, Esq.

W. E. SASSON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, Thomas JACKSON, Esq.

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County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

6 " 4 per cent. "

12 " 5 per cent. "

Local Bills Discounted.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Debts granted on London, and the chief Commercial place in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 24, 1885.

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HONGKONG PHARMACY

26, LYNNBURY TERRACE.

W. B. WOODFORD, D.

Medical Practitioner.

26, LYNNBURY TERRACE.

Hongkong, July 10, 1885.

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Intimations.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Underwriters, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1885.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 23rd September, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, September 7, 1885. 1552

GRIFFITH'S NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG NOW READY,

1, DUDDELL STREET.

GRIFFITH & Co., MANUFACTURERS OF THE

OF THE

LONDON & BRITISH WATER,

CONTINUOUS SUPPLY,

WATER, LEMONADE,

GINGERADE,

RASPBERRY,

SCARF, &c., &c., &c.

At the same Moderate Charge.

Hongkong, June 9, 1885. 957

PICTORIA HOTEL,

Praya and Queen's Road, Hongkong.

THIS extensive and well-appointed establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within a few minutes walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Praya, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place. The rooms are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Foreigner.

The accommodation and service of every kind will be found to be of the best description.

An ample and varied TABLE d'Hôte is always provided and served in the spacious, large Dining Hall.

The Hotel is unprovided for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DABRIEJE and HING KEE,

Praya and Queen's Road,

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1558

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICE of the Company's Hotel, on FRIDAY, the 11th September, at 4 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1885.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th August to 11th September, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 19, 1885. 1421

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a Statement of their Contributions during the Half-Year ended 30th June, 1885, on or before the 10th September next, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, August 23, 1885. 1458

NAUTICAL SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,

22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

CHINOT DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,

MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS,

CORK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 256

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Hongkong, April 11, 1885. 614

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Hongkong, July 27, 1885. 1187

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MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

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QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
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DEVON'S NONPAREIL KEROSINE

OIL.

HITCHCOCK MECHANICAL
NO CHIMNEY
LAMP.

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MACKENZIE & MACKENZIE'S
BISCUITS.NEW SEASON'S TEA,
in 5 or 10 Catty Boxes.YELLOW GOSHEW BUTTER,
in 5 or 10 lbs Tins.Condensed MILK.
CALIFORNIA PRODUCTS.

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AGATE IRON WARE.

Milner's FIRE PROOF SAFES.

Do. CASH AND PAPER
BOXES.ALLEN & GENTER'S
TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES.

BEER AND PORTER

in
Hogheads.

THE UNUSUAL ASSORTMENT

of
OILMAN'S STORES,
AND

WINES,

at the lowest possible prices

FOR CASH.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

Hongkong, September 2, 1885. 1519

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AND
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VARIOUS OTHER TABLES AND NOTES,

W. A. GULLAND.

To be obtained at the
'CHINA MAIL' OFFICE
Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
" FALCONER & Co.

Hongkong, September 2, 1884. 1475

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

UNION LINE.

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FROM LONDON AND PENANG.

THE Steamer *Claymore*, CaptainW. A. GULLAND, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading to
the Undersigned for countersignature, and
to take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Steamer will be at once landed and stored at
Consignees' risk and expense, and no
Fire Insurance will be effected.Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to
JAPAN, unless notice to the contrary be
given before Noon To-morrow, the 9th
Instant.All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
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Agents.

Hongkong, September 2, 1885. 1514

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIIGO.

The British Steamship

" *Benvenue*,Capt. THOMSON, will be
despatched as above onMONDAY NEXT, the 14th Instant, at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 2, 1885. 1564

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,

VIA FOOCHOW.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEEN'S
LAND PORTS.)

The British Steamship

" *Benvenue*,Capt. W. M. DODD, will be
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Agents.

Hongkong, September 2, 1885. 1563

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW
CHWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and
Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship

" *Archives*,Captain LAMAGE, will be
despatched as above TO-
MORROW, the 9th Instant, at Daylight,

instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 8, 1885. 1555

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, NEW
CHWANG, HANKOW and Ports on the
YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship

" *Kutang*,Captain YOUNG, will be
despatched as above TO-
MORROW, the 9th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, September 8, 1885. 1560

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The British India S. N.
Co.'s Steamship" *Noushara*,Capt. A. SANDERS, will be
despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW,
the 9th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 8, 1885. 1554

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamer

" *Kong Beng*,Captain R. JONES, will be
despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 10th
Instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

YUEN FAT HONG,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 8, 1885. 1557

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, HAMBURG AND
SINGAPORE.THE Steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro* will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 24th Instant, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transpor-

tation to Yokohama and other Japan

Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and

Inland Railways of the United States, via O-

vernor Railway, Havana, Trinidad, and

Dacca, and to ports in Mexico, Central

and South America, by the Company's and

connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to

England, France, and Germany by all

trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

RETURN PASSENGERS.—Passengers, who

have paid full fare, re-embarking at San

Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa)

within six months, will be allowed a discount of

20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking

within one year, an allowance of 10% will

be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Re-

turn Passage Orders, available for one year,

will be issued at a Discount of 25% from

Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to those fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4

p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel

Packages will be received at the office until

5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages

should be marked to address in full; value

of same is required.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to

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To-day's Advertisements.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,
VIA FOOCHOW.

The Steamship

" *Archives*,Captain LAMAGE, will be
despatched as above on

TUESDAY, the 15th Instant, at Daylight.

The Vessel has unusually good Cabin

THE CHINA MAIL

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to-day for the use of lawyers and others, owing to the fact that those generally used are carted up from the Police Court, and to-day at the time of the inquest they were in use in Court; but surely even an impoverished Treasury could afford the expense of half-a-dozen seats at a dollar or two each, to enable the public business to be transacted.

A CORRESPONDENT, writing to us from Pakhoi, says:—The Community at this flourishing little Treaty Port is rapidly getting larger, and there seems no reason why one of these days you should not be asked to advertise the opening of a Hotel and Bathing establishment at this Brighton of China. A Racetrack and a Cricket Club are already in existence, and, with good shooting and a fine country for riding, Pakhoi is a most attractive resort at all seasons of the year. As a proof of how perfect is the sanitary state of the Port, it is sufficient to mention the fact that our genial Customs Doctor intends, greatly to our regret, to leave us for a time on a well-earned leave of absence.

A few days ago we had a visit from General Fung, the so-called Laugon here. He came here and inspected the troops, and then proceeded again on his journey to Canton. Everything appears quiet enough round here, but reports from Kwangsi have it that men are being enlisted there to join the Black Flag in Tonquin. If so, one of your Northern correspondents may be right about the contemplated Chinese raid on the French in Tonquin next winter.

The following was issued as an 'extra supplement' to the Government Gazette this afternoon:—

His Excellency the Governor directs the subjoined Notice, received from Her Majesty's Minister in Japan, to be published for general information.

By Command,
FRANCIS STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 6th September, 1885.

NOTIFICATION.

With reference to the Regulation hereunto annexed made by Her Britannic Majesty's Minister on the 27th of June, 1882, for the prevention of the spread of Cholera, the undersigned is authorised by the Honourable F. R. Plunkett, Her Britannic Majesty's Minister, to make known for the information of British subjects resident in or resorting to Japan, that a note has been received from His Excellency the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs, declaring that the Regulations for the inspection of vessels, issued by the Imperial Japanese Government on the 23rd of June, 1882, will be put in force from the 29th of August instant, at the ports of Shimomosaki, Kobe, and Yokohama in the case of all vessels arriving at those ports, which have either left or touched at the port of Nagasaki (declared an infected port) or which have, after leaving that port, touched at an intermediate port.

Given under my hand, at Her Britannic Majesty's Legation at Tokyo, this 28th day of August, 1885.

P. LE POER TRENCH,
Secretary of Legation in Charge.

BENIGNITY.

Any British subject who shall wrongfully and wilfully contrive or infringe or interfere with the execution of the provisions of the Regulations issued by the Japanese Government on the twenty-third day of June, 1882, so long as and whenever such Regulations shall from time to time be in force and form a part of the municipal law of Japan, shall be deemed to have committed an offence against this Regulation, which is a Regulation of urgency, and on conviction thereof by or before any of Her Majesty's Courts in Japan shall be liable to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding three months, with or without hard labour, and with or without a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars, or to a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars without imprisonment, and with or without a further fine for a continuing offence not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each day during which the offence continues after the original fine is incurred.

Given under my hand, at Her Britannic Majesty's Legation at Tokyo, this twenty-seventh day of June, 1882.

(Signed) HARRY S. PARKS.

It is rumoured (wires a Sydney correspondent) that the Government have had brought under their notice the fact of a very large increase having taken place in the number of liberated convicts from New Caledonia coming to this country. Convicts of both sexes are known to have arrived in considerable numbers, and settled both in the metropolis and in various parts of the country. It is alleged that great numbers of these criminals are known to the police in Sydney, who are in possession of the French criminal history. It is understood that the master is engaging the active attention of the Government, and it is considered probable that, being provided with ample proof of the inaccuracy of the arrangements existing at Noumea for the prevention of the influx of these criminals into this colony, the Government will be in a position to make such strong representations on the subject that some decisive steps will be taken without delay by the Government of France.

For bold ingenuity, untrammeled by considerations of practicability, nothing can touch the American. An inventor over there has hit upon a wonderful device by which he brings science to the aid of the 'L. C. U. bobby.' His little plan is to supply each policeman with an Indian rubber waistcoat filled with hydrogen gas. Thus equipped, the policeman would be rendered partially independent of the law of gravitation. He would be able to run with amazing swiftness, his mode of progression being a series of bounds many yards in length. So far good. As a contemporary remarks, we can well picture Justice invested with new terrors to the evil-doer when her humblest amanuenses rise superior to natural Java. The only unfortunate thing is that, having captured his victim, the buoyant policeman would lack the stability necessary to detain him, and it would be the easiest thing in the world for the captive to run away with the feather-like person of his captor. This is a view of the matter which does not seem to have occurred to the ingenious inventor.—*Supreme Mail*.

Interest, Fire Insurance, Taxes, and all charges, above a net profit of \$16,482.50, to which is to be added the sum of \$2,482.50, earned over from last account, making available \$18,234.76, which the Directors, with the concurrence of the Shareholders, propose to deal with as follows:—

To pay a dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, viz., \$4 per share on old, and \$2 on new.

To write off Sundry Debts for bad debts up to 30th June, 1885. \$10,000.00

To write off Extension and Alterations. 2,000.00

To write off Furniture. 3,500.00

To carry forward to new account. 500.00

..... 2,230.76

\$18,234.76

Directors. Mr. W. K. Hughes, being absent from the Colony, has retired. Mr. David McCulloch retires by rotation, and is eligible for re-election.

Auditors. Messrs. J. H. Cox and A. E. Vaucler offer themselves for re-election.

D. McCULLOCH, Chairman.

BALANCE SHEET, 30TH JUNE, 1885.

Assets. \$27,912.97

Cash. 813.34

Shares in Public Companies. 2,380.08

Sundry Debts. 17,675.38

Extension Alterations. 64,463.79

Furniture. 27,225.49

Stock of Wines and Provisions, &c., on 30th June 1885. 14,230.89

Licence attaching to 2nd half of 1885. 250.00

Fire Insurance attaching to 2nd half of 1885. 633.50

..... 3,555.600.44

Liabilities. 2,000 Old Shares. \$200,000.00

2,000 New Shares. 10,000.01

Sundry Creditors. 57,363.68

Profit brought forward from last account. \$2,482.56

..... 15,745.20

..... 18,236.76

..... 3,555.600.44

BOTHY AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

For the 6 Months to 30th June, 1885.

To Taxes. \$ 203.23

Steam Launch. 80.50

Fire Insurance. 635.76

Directors and Auditors. 580.00

Charges. 500.00

Salaries. 150.00

Interest. 2,076.14

Profit. 15,749.20

..... 19,782.83

By Net Earnings of Hotel. \$19,623.43

Bonus and Dividends from Local Offices, also Unclaimed Dividends, forfeited as per Articles of Association. 355.40

..... 19,782.83

Hongkong, 8th September, 1885.

LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Audited and found correct, JAMES H. COX, } Auditors.

A. E. VAUCLER, } Auditors.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour E. J. Ackroyd, Justice of the Peace.)

Tuesday, September 8.

APPEALS AGAINST VALUATION.

A number of cases in which the owners of property have appealed against the valuation placed upon their premises by the now Public Valuator (Mr. C. G. Malsch), came before the Court this morning.

M. A. Stokes, Acting Crown Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Colonial Treasurer, who was defendant in the cases.

M. Deacon appeared for Mr. E. R. Bolling, one of the appellants, and Mr. Evans, appeared for Wo Hing, Lee Sing and Lee Tsoi, also appellants. The Hon. A. Lister (Colonial Treasurer) and Mr. Malsch were also in Court.

His Lordship, on taking his seat, said—

In a great many of the cases before me today, I had made an order referring the matters to Mr. Barff, one of the Deputy Registrars, to send in a report. I indicated at the time I did so certain principles upon which I thought these valuations ought to have been made; and, after that intimation I think a great many cases ought to have been settled. Difficulties having arisen with respect to the reference to Mr. Barff, I consented to hear of the cases to-day, but I will hope that a

great many of them will be withdrawn.

I have looked into some of them, and I con-

sider I have not much to say.

His Lordship said that as there were a

good many cases he would take time to

consider the question of costs. He then

said he believed the case of the

Queens' Club was not settled.

It had been as

settled at \$4,000, and stated that it was a

building only adapted for a Club, and that

it may be fairly expected to let for

less. Therefore Justice Blackburn

was perfectly right in saying

that the Legislature had settled that the

rate shall be calculated not on the actual

rent, but upon what the property

might be, so far as for the occupation

is concerned.

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